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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
506A White Horse Pike  
Haddon Heights, New Jersey 08035

Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Jeanette Moyer, Township Clerk, Monroe Township, Williamstown New Jersey. Ms. Moyer expresses concern that the Commission's proposal to assign channel 21 to a television station currently licensed to Vineland, New Jersey, would have a severe financial impact on the Township of Monroe, as the Township would need to replace its existing public safety radio equipment.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ~~MM~~ **Docket No. 87-268**, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

We will also include a copy of your letter in MM Docket No. 87-268. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith  
Chief  
Office of Engineering and Technology

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Mr. Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554-3505

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write to you on behalf of Ms. Jeanette Moyer, Township Clerk, Monroe Township, 125 Virginia Ave., Williamstown, NJ 08094, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding an FCC proposal to that would assign a second television channel to each existing TV station. Monroe Township strongly opposes the proposal.

I would appreciate if you would afford Monroe Township all due consideration under the law in their efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise them accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Robert E. Andrews*

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Member of Congress

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO FREQUENCIES**

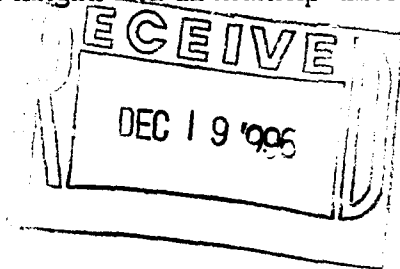
**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe are aware of proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to develop high definition digital television; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal would assign a second TV channel to each existing TV station, and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes would have a severe financial impact on the Township of Monroe as the Township would need to replace it's existing radio equipment at considerable expense;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that they hereby oppose the proposal by the FCC which appears to represent an unfunded mandate to the Township of Monroe.

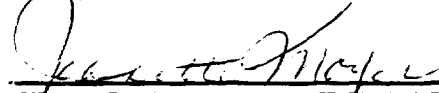
**BE IT FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Federal Communication Commission in care of Chairman Hundt, United States Senators, Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Robert Andrews, New Jersey State Legislatures Senator John Matheussen, Assemblyman George Geist and Assemblyman Sean Dalton, Gloucester County Freeholder Stephen R. Salvatore and Daniel Mangini and all municipalities located within the County of Gloucester.



**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**


  
**ENCL. PRES. RON COLEMAN**

**ATTEST:**

  
**TWP. CLERK, JEANETTE MOYER, RMC/CMC/AAE**  
**or SUSAN McCORMICK, DEPUTY CLERK**

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, Gloucester County, New Jersey, held on the 16th of December, 1996 at the Municipal Building, located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

  
**TWP. CLERK, JEANETTE MOYER, RMC/CMC/AAE**  
**or SUSAN McCORMICK, DEPUTY CLERK**